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LETTER DATED 24 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit to you the attached letter, dated 23 July 1993, from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegović, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 23 July 1993 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

For the past few days, just at a time when there are great hopes for the establishment of peace through negotiations, the Serbian aggressor has continued killing the civilian population, the Muslims in particular.

On 22 July 1993 the aggressor army launched ground-to-ground Luka missiles and Orkan multi-rocket-launcher attacks on civilian targets. This had as a consequence the death of a great number of civilians in Čelić, Dubrave and Ratkovići, close to Brčko.

Employment of the most lethal weapons in warfare in Bosnia and Herzegovina indicates that the aggressor has launched a new, higher level of the offensive aimed at occupying new territories.

We would like to draw the attention of the United Nations Security Council and all other international factors to these facts and request that effective measures be taken in order to prevent an imminent tragedy. The stands of the international community relating to the aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovina - a United Nations Member State - and its suffering population have become a true test for the conscience of the world.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ